



# National Hospice Palliative Care Day for Children 2020



## FAQ



### WHAT IS PEDIATRIC HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE?

Pediatric hospice palliative care is specialized for children and young adults diagnosed with a serious illness. We help patients find relief from symptoms and stress related to such illness. Hospice palliative care also provides support for family and loved ones of a child or young adult with a serious illness.

### WHO CAN RECEIVE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE?

Any child with a serious illness can receive pediatric palliative care.

### WHO PROVIDES PEDIATRIC HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE?

Our care is delivered by a team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, nutritionists, pharmacists, and therapists. This team may also include child specialists and therapists who specialize in the unique needs of children.

### WHEN CAN A CHILD START RECEIVING HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE?

Care can be provided at any stage of a serious illness from diagnosis on.

### WHO PAYS FOR PEDIATRIC HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE?

Care is paid for in different ways in Canada. Funding also differs between communities, but many programs receive financial support from various sources, including health ministries, community organizations, hospitals, and more. The person who pays often depends on whether care is being provided at home, in the hospital, or at a hospice residence. There is usually no charge to families for residence as they are partially covered by provincial health plans and the community support. Bereavement support is often provided as part of hospice palliative care services offered in hospitals or by non-profit/volunteer organizations in the community.

